

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will air **"Working Together to Stop the Prostitution of Children"** on **December 11, 2003**. The broadcast will examine the challenges faced by policymakers and juvenile justice and other youth service professionals concerned with the commercial sexual exploitation of youth. For OJJDP access information and to register online please go to: <http://www.trc.eku.edu/jj>

The planning committee of the **3rd National Sexual Violence Prevention Conference** seeks submissions for presentations at the Conference to be held in Los Angeles, CA, May 25-28, 2004. Topics of interest include: Reaching underserved communities; Evaluating sexual violence programs; Fostering partnerships between researchers and providers; Ensuring culturally competent programs and services; and Including men in the prevention of sexual violence. For additional information please go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/2004nsvpc.ht>

The **Massachusetts Department of Public Health** announces the launch of its official website for **Batterer Intervention Program Services** at <http://www.state.ma.us/dph/fch/bi>. This web site contains information about certified batterer intervention programs in Massachusetts, aggregate data on clients served by certified batterer intervention programs, and information and documents related to certification at MDPH, such as the MA Guidelines and Standards for the Certification of Batterer Intervention Programs.

SAVE THE DATE!! On Wednesday **January 28, 2004**, the **National Stalking Resource Center** in conjunction with **Secretary of Public Safety, Edward A. Flynn**, will present a Regional Stalking Conference for law enforcement personnel in Massachusetts. The low cost, full day conference will take place at the Massachusetts Medical Society in Waltham, Massachusetts. Further information will be forthcoming soon.

Funding Opportunities **From the Federal Government**

"NCVRW Community Awareness Projects"

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/2004NCVRWfund/welcome.html>

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) offers funding to organizations and agencies that are committed to crime victims' rights and services for the purpose of promoting community awareness and outreach activities that support the 2004 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) theme, *Victims' Rights: America's Values*.

Application Deadline: November 21, 2003

Eligibility Requirements: Public agencies, nonprofits, community-based victim service organizations, faith-based organizations, and community coalitions with a commitment to advocating for the rights and services of crime victims may apply

Maximum Award Amount: \$5,000

Number of Awards Made: 60

"President's Family Justice Center Initiative" <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/>

U.S. Department of Justice will provide funding to 12 communities to develop Family Justice Centers. The purpose of this funding is to bring together all the services that domestic-violence victims would need from non-profit, non-governmental agencies at one central location.

Letter of Intent Deadline: December 12, 2003

GMS Registration Deadline: January 15, 2004

Application Deadline: February 5, 2004

Eligibility Requirements: Eligible grantees funded through the *Arrest Program* are states, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, and state and local courts. Eligible grantees funded through the *Rural Program* are rural states, Indian tribal governments, local governments of rural

states, and public and private entities of rural states, including faith-based and community-based organizations.

Maximum Award Amount: applicants may apply for up to \$1.5 million, if applying through the Arrest or Rural Programs, and up to \$165,000 if applying through the LAV Program.

Number of Awards Made: 12

Grant Period: 18 months

From Corporations

"MapInfo e-Government Grant Program"

<http://www.mapinfo.com/press/index.cfm?fuseaction=view.pressrelease&id=2486>

MapInfo will award a suite of its location-based software and data to 50 municipalities and government agencies in the United States for the development and deployment of e-government initiatives. The MapInfo e-Government Grant Program enables recipients to improve service by disseminating important information to citizens, businesses and other agencies via the Web as well as integrate agency operations and information technology investments. **The application deadline is December 15, 2003.**

Research and Statistics

"What Americans Need to Know About Marijuana" Marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug in the United States. Of the nearly 20 million current illicit drug users, about 75% are using marijuana. Of the 7.1 million Americans suffering from illegal drug dependence or abuse, 60% abuse or are dependent on marijuana. Americans spent \$10.6 billion on marijuana purchases in 1999. On the federal level, nearly 98% of the 7,991 offenders sentenced for marijuana crimes in 2001 were guilty of trafficking; only 2.3% were sentenced for simple possession of marijuana.

http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/mj_rev.pdf

"Indicators of School Crime and Safety, 2003" Students ages 12–18 were victims of about 2 million nonfatal crimes of violence or theft at school in 2001, with the majority (62%) being thefts. Data on homicides and suicides at school indicate there were 32 school-associated violent deaths in the United States between July 1, 1999 and June 30, 2000, including 24 homicides, 16 of which involved school-age children. Between 1995 and 2001, the percentage of students who reported being a victim of crime of violence or theft at school decreased from 10% to 6%. <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2004/2004004.pdf>

"Capital Punishment, 2002" Of the 6,912 people under sentence of death between 1977 and 2002, 12% were executed, 4% died by causes other than execution, and 33% received other dispositions. In 2002, 51 women were under the sentence of death in 2002, an increase from 36 in 1992. At yearend 2002, 3,557 prisoners were under the sentence of death. California held the largest number on death row (614), followed by Texas (450), Florida (366), and Pennsylvania (241).

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cp02.pdf>

Resources

"Northeast Counterdrug Training Center Courses" The Northeast Counterdrug Training Center offers no-cost counterdrug training and education courses to law enforcement and drug demand reduction specialists. These courses, conducted in Fort Indiantown Gap, PA, and Volk Field, WI, include training in coalition building, drug identification, grant writing, and program achievement. Funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and managed by the Pennsylvania National Guard Counterdrug Program, the Center helps law enforcement get drugs off the streets and provides communities with state-of-the-art drug prevention techniques. <http://www.counterdrug.org/frames.html>

"Check and Card Fraud" This report describes the problem of check and card fraud, and reviews factors that increase its risk. It provides questions to assist police departments to analyze local problems. Responses to the problem are reviewed based on evaluative research and police practice.

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=965>

"Financial Crimes Against the Elderly" This report addresses the problem of financial crimes against the elderly. In addition to describing the problem and reviewing risk factors, it identifies a series of questions that assist law enforcement in analyzing the problem locally, and responses to the problem that are most effective based on the situation. Financial crimes against the elderly fall under two general categories: fraud committed by strangers, and financial exploitation by relatives and caregivers. The differences in the offender-victim relationships suggest different methods for analyzing and responding to the problem.

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=963>

“The Benefits and Consequences of Police Crackdowns” This report discusses crackdowns, a response police commonly use to address crime and disorder problems.

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=964>

“Promising Strategies from the Field: Policing In Smaller Jurisdictions” This report highlights the community policing strategies of 11 law enforcement agencies.

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1000>

“Hand-Held Metal Detectors for Use in Concealed Weapon and Contraband Detection” This document establishes performance requirements and testing methods for active hand-held metal detectors used to find metal weapons and/or metal contraband carried on a person and/or concealed by a nonmetal object. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/200330.pdf>

“Juvenile Justice FYI” This web site provides information on the juvenile justice system and the causes of juvenile delinquency. <http://www.juvenilejusticefyi.com/index.html>

“School Crisis Response Initiative” This initiative is a collaboration of the Yale Child Study Center and community mental health professionals, law enforcement representatives, and local and state educational agencies. The program’s mission is to empower school staff through planning and training by consulting with schools to develop their capacity to meet students’ emotional and mental health needs during and after a crisis and by providing school-based crisis response teams with technical assistance to help them resolve problems that arise in specific crisis situations.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/bulletins/schoolcrisis/ncj197832.pdf>

“Vital Voices Anti-Trafficking Toolkits” The Toolkit is available to help students on college and university campuses raise awareness about human trafficking. The toolkit contains informational fliers, a summary of the U.S. anti-trafficking law, and a list of actions college students can take to raise awareness about trafficking. In addition, Vital Voices anti-trafficking fliers are now available in French and Spanish and its United Nations public service announcement on trafficking for forced labor is newly available in Russian and Spanish. To order any of these kits, visit the Vital Voices Web site at www.vitalvoices.org.

“The Office for Victims of Crime” has a new online **Directory of Crime Victim Services** that provides access to the only national network designed to help victim service providers and individuals locate assistance quickly and easily. Find crime victim services in your state, across the country, or around the globe. You may also add your victim-focused program to the web site.

<http://ovc.ncjrs.org/findvictimservices/>

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